

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement for poultry having cage batteries (1) arranged above a manure pit, each battery displaying two cages (10, 11) facing each other, which cages are arranged one atop another in tiers (12, 14, 15, 16), ~~characterized in that~~ said cage arrangement comprising:
 - a) a manure scraper (8) is arranged in each tier (12 – 16) underneath each cage (10, 11);
 - b) an open space (18) is present between two cages (10, 11) facing each other;
 - c) under the open space (18), a passage (4) is present in the cover plate (2) of the manure pit (17) for the manure conveyed into the open space (18) by the manure scrapers (8);
 - d) and the manure scrapers (8) are driven in a back-and-forth manner.
2. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the manure scrapers (8) are arranged on a traction cable (19) that circulates around idler pulleys (20, 21, 22) and that a drive pulley (23) drives the traction cable (19) back and forth.
3. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein provided above ~~/sic/~~ provided below each cage (10, 11) is a manure plate (7), upon which the associated manure scraper (8) glides.
4. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cages (10, 11) of the uppermost tier (12) are connected to each other so as to bridge the open space.